



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Owners of this place, the Jarowair and Giabal peoples.

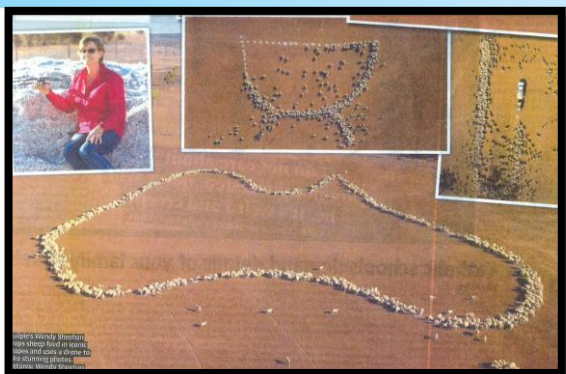


SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT [Year C]

Sunday 5 December, 2021

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9 Jerusalem – God will show you splendour. **Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord has done great things for us: we are filled with joy. **Second Reading:** Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11. Show yourself sinless and without blame in the day of Christ. **Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6. All people shall see the salvation of God.



When did you last see John the Baptist?

Advent invites us look for the one that points us toward the coming of Christ – to actively seek...to search...to listen...to respond...to find Christ.

When I was reflecting on this desire to search for Christ I became aware that it takes a little bit of creativity to recognise the essence of this journey, to become aware of the "John the Baptist" in our lives. This first picture to the left was a creation from Wendy Sheehan at Quilpie on "Trinidad Station" using her creative skills to gather sheep in outlines of

shapes and then using a drone to take the photo. For Wendy, the land is her "John the Baptist"! In her own way Wendy is acknowledging the life, and the struggle that living on the land brings. The land, and life on the land calls her to respond to Christ's gift and promise of life itself. In some ways, for us, it is John the Baptist who lays down the grain to which we are drawn with our community to form a picture – what picture does your journey create? Is it a picture of hope, the cross, love, struggle, joy... What message does your "John the Baptist" call you to create within your life? Essentially we are called in today's gospel to be people who take the time now to "straighten our paths, smooth our roads and to see the salvation at hand."

This second photo features a nativity scene created from the dolls and other children's playthings that a mother puts together each year in her old fireplace now that all her children have left home. Whilst in one respect it is a simple scene, it also represents the joys and struggles of the past for her. It reminds her of those Christmas celebrations with a young family and when she was once younger herself. (Josie was 101 when she died). Imagine the gentle lined hands carefully placing each character to create the scene, maybe finding and adding a new piece from time to time. Much like the fireplace, the dolls and animals have fallen out of use. Yet each year they came alive again for her. For Josie, this was her "John the Baptist" moment – the time she reflected on her journey and how her life has been and is directed toward Christ and the wonder of the incarnation of a God who is with us.

Which person – what event – what place will be your "John the Baptist" moment this year?

Lets keep our senses on high alert to see, feel, know, experience, hear Christ and become aware of our "John the Baptist" moment drawing us toward Christ this Advent.....

God's blessings on your Advent seeking.....Fr. Michael



✚ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Clare Bowdler, Jenny Werth and those who have died from Covid-19. May perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.

✚ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Helen Reagan Msgr Michael McKenna [1974], Fr Justin King [1992].

✚ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially;** Fr Raymond Sweeney, Angelina Santa Lucia, Addison McEwan, Daniel Ligon, Rohitha Jayamanna, Ray Frelek, Patsy Quinn, Brian Machin, Madeline Gray, Loan Smith, Maria Brown, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Margaret Walker, Rita Blacker, Kristina Dawidowicz, Nora Machin, Mary Allen, Tina Hobson, Bev Boundy, Joanne Essey [Sydney], Braxton Rayner, Kate Gibbs, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Hannah Marie Marasigan, Stephanie Shine, Andrew Supple, Mary-Ann Hine, Kathy Allan, John Morgan, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Teresita Pamulaklakin, and those in our nursing homes and hospitals, and those suffering from Covid-19.

RECONCILIATION – 1st Rite available every Saturday morning between 8am and 9am.

AS A THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEERS at ST PAT'S there will be a Christmas Party on Monday 13 December at 6pm in the Cathedral Centre. Please advise the office if you would like to attend: admin@stpats.org.au or 4637 1500 before 6/12/21.

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION will be available at St Patrick's at 10.00am on the 8th December, and at St Thomas More's at 6.30pm on the same day.

St Pat's are looking for someone to spray the church, as it is a legal requirement, after 6pm, 7am and 9am Masses each weekend, on alternate months starting in 2022. Renumeration of \$100 per week. Would suit school or uni students. Training and PPE will be provided. Enquiries: admin@stpats.org.au or 4637 1500.

Information Package for the **2022 Sacramental Program** is now available, please contact the Parish Office; admin@stpats.org.au or 4637 1500, we are happy to email the information package.

ROSTERS FOR CHRISTMAS: If you are able to assist with any of the ministries over Christmas, please put your name on the roster available on the table near the Neil Street entrance. **Please note:** there will be two venues for the Christmas Eve 6pm Masses **ONLY** – Cathedral and Cathedral Centre. Thanks from the Liturgy Committee.

ST PAT'S WORKING BEE. We need help to clean the "sticky" pews in the Cathedral. If you are available on Sat 11 December 9am–12pm and/or Tuesday 14 December 8am–12pm. Masks and gloves will be provided. Even if you can only give an hour, it would be greatly appreciated. Please advise the parish office if you can help: admin@stpats.org.au or 4637 1500

BUS TRIP, MARIAN VALLEY Wednesday 8th December, feast Immaculate Conception. Bus departs Neil St. outside St. Patricks Cathedral 7:30 am. Cost \$30. For bookings contact Theresa 0434 528 904.

Christmas message from Bishop Robert McGuckin is available from the entrance table. Please feel free to take your copy.

SPRED VOLUNTEERS 2022. SPRED is a faith formation program which seeks to nurture the spiritual, social and emotional well-being of people with an intellectual disability. We are currently looking for volunteers to commence in February next year to provide support and companionship for our differently abled Friends as they make their faith journey. There will be an information session at the Diocesan SPRED Centre (cnr Hume & Jellicoe St) on Tuesday 14th December, 5.45pm-6.30pm. For information contact Loretta Coman: 0459 683 642 or spred@twb.catholic.org.au

Sunday 5 Dec	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	11am Baptism of Ollie O'Donnell 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 6 Dec	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
Tuesday 7 Dec <i>Saint Ambrose</i>	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	6.30am Rosary SPC 5.30 – 7.00pm Choir Practice
Wednesday 8 Dec <i>Immaculate conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 9 Dec	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration SPC
Friday 10 Dec <i>Saint Francis Xavier</i>	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 11 Dec	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass	8-9am Reconciliation SPC 9am -12pm WORKING BEE SPC
Sunday 12 Dec	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	12pm Baptism of Mariel Arjona 1pm Baptism of Maverick Arthur 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Planned Giving:\$826; Loose:\$719; Paypoint:\$510. Sandra & Peter Daly, Jan-Nell & Errol Chase

Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick's.

Planned Giving Options: Envelopes available from parish office. For direct debit/credit card please contact Celia at the Parish Office on 4637 1500. You may simply like to do a bank transfer: St Patrick's Cathedral, BSB 064-786, Account Number 100014072, reference envelope number. Thank you

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2021

Friday 24 December - Christmas Eve: 6pm (Cathedral and Cathedral Centre)
 8.30pm
 Midnight

*NB: You are required to book for **6pm Christmas Eve Mass only**;
Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral and the Cathedral Centre (see below)*

Saturday 25 December – Christmas Day: 7am
 9am

Saturday 25 December – NO vigil Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral.
 6pm Vigil at St Thomas More's.

Sunday 26 December – 7am, 9am and 5.30pm

Christmas Eve 6pm Mass Instructions for booking

St Pat's will be holding Mass in both the **Cathedral** and the **Cathedral Centre** at **6pm Christmas Eve**. To manage capacity limits you will be required to book using **Trybooking**. Please follow the steps below:

- **Go to our website** - <https://www.stpats.org.au>
- the Trybooking link will appear under the box "Watch Mass Live stream."
- **OR** click on this link <https://www.trybooking.com/BVYDX>
- Click **BOOK NOW**
- Under **SECTIONS** select either **CATHEDRAL** or **CATHEDRAL CENTRE**.
- Under **TICKETS** enter the **number of seats** you require, then click **NEXT**.
- **CHECKOUT** screen will appear. Enter the details of the person making the booking.
- click **PURCHASE**.
- Wait until **TRANSACTION SUCCESSFUL** appears on your screen. You will receive an email with the details shortly.
- **Please note** you are **not** required to bring your tickets to Mass. Your name will be marked off at the door. Only the name of the booking person will appear on the door list with the number of seats for each group booking.
- **EVERYONE WILL BE REQUIRED TO USE THE QR CHECK APP ON ARRIVAL.**

General information that may be useful at this time.

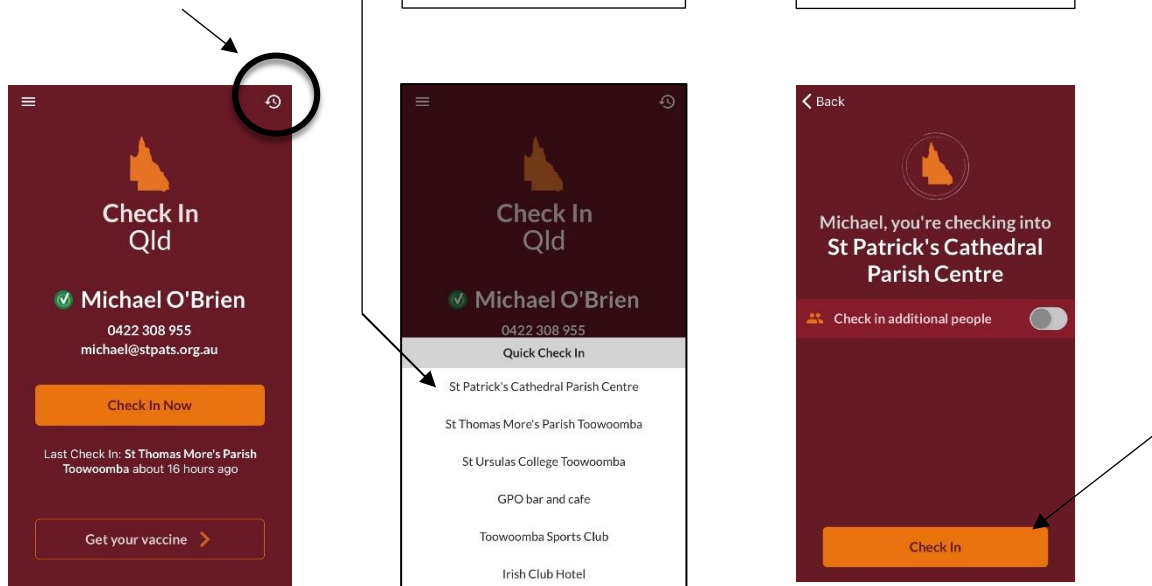
Quick check in procedure using the Check In Qld app

If you are regularly entering the same venues, this is an easy way to check in, for example, while you are in the car before entering or when there is a queue to scan.

Step 1. Press the symbol in top right hand corner of screen.

Step 2. Quick Check In will appear, scroll to find correct venue, and press on that venue.

Step 3. Check in screen will appear, click "Check In", then "Done".



Connecting your Digital Immunisation Certificate to the Check In Qld app

1. via Check In Qld app

1. Make sure you've updated the Check In Qld app.
2. Open the app and open the menu from the top left hand side.
3. Select 'COVID-19 digital certificate' and tap 'add certificate' via myGov.
4. Log-in to your myGov account, scroll to 'Proof of COVID-19 vaccination' and then select 'Go to Medicare'.
5. Tap 'View history' and choose 'Share with check in app' and choose to share with Check In Qld.
6. Tap 'Accept and share', then 'Accept'.

2. via Express Plus Medicare mobile app

1. select 'Proof of vaccinations' from Services.
2. Select 'View history'.
3. Select your name, then 'Share with check in app'.
4. Choose an app to share your certificate with and select 'Share'.